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Applicant: Hiroshi TSUNEHARA et al.
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Examiner: Melanie TORRES
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 7, 2005, Applicants hereby elect species C, Figures 7-17, for prosecution in the subject application. Claims 1-5, 7-14 and 23 and 24 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner has indicated that no claims are generic, but Applicants believe that independent claims 1, 23 and 24 are generic.

Applicants, of course, reserves the right to file a divisional application covering the non-elected subject matter and/or to receive consideration of claims to additional species as provided by 37 CFR 1.141, upon allowance of any claim that is generic.

Receipt of the initial Office Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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